ABSTRACT

The Internet provides tremendous opportunities for new online services, including online gaming and amusement services. Many of these services should be distributed and managed on a geographic basis, yet the Internet allows access to everyone who is online. This results in increased costs as the service provide must provide unnecessary bandwidth and server resources to handle all of the undesirable accessors. The invention provides a means for limiting access to a select group of End Users by who are within the "implied jurisdiction" of the Web site. When attempting to access an electronic service, End Users are challenged to provide secure, personal identification which demonstrates that they are within the implied jurisdiction of the service. In other words, End Users must provide some form of identification (such as a driver's permit) which shows by implication, that they should be able to access all other services offered online by the state.